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TWO SPRING TEAMS ADVANCE TO NAIA NATIONALS

Golfers Claim District Title



GOLFERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: No. 1. Bill Boulet; No. 2. Brian Johnson; No. 3. Mark Womack; No. 4. Jim Baldwin; No. 5. John Greenwood.

The golf team started the season "big time" by traveling to Florida for a four-day tournament. The match against such schools as Notre Dame, University of Miami and Providence allowed the team some experience on four of Miami's better courses. Now the team will be finishing the season off in grand style as well at the NAIA National Tournament in Huntsville, Texas.

Following the first round of play in the 36 hole NAIA District 22 championship match at Reid Memorial Golf Course, Cedarville was one stroke behind Walsh College who scored a 314. Malone College was not far behind with a 320. The first day provided great weather for golf. The final round on Saturday was played in some wet weather, but some great scores were brought home and despite the rain, it was a bright day for the Jackets. Malone tallied 307 strokes for

the day and Cedarville 308 strokes. The first days leader, Walsh, scored a 317. The two-day totals were 623 strokes for NAIA District 22 Champions Cedarville College, a four stroke lead over second place Malone College's 627.

For the season, the Jackets had a less than modest 4-7 record. The team was 5th out of the 16 teams at the Malone Invitational, 3rd out of the 16 at the Taylor Invitational and second to Malone College in the Mid-Ohio Conference Tournament. When it came to tournament time, "We finally played the way we were supposed to," according to # 3 golfer Mark Womack. The Yellow Jackets finished the NCCAA District III champs too.

Cedarville's #1 Bill Boulet and #2 Brian Johnson were members of the NCCAA All-District III Team. Both earned the privilege of being listed on the NAIA

All-District 22 team as well. Mark Womack joined Bill and Brian on the NCCAA All-District Team as medalist for the match.

The Yellow Jackets are fired up to participate in Nationals this week. They earned the privilege two years ago to attend nationals but "we are better prepared this year. It is Mark Womack's and Jim Baldwin's second trip to the national event and Bill Boulet's third, so we take a lot of national tournament experience to Texas," according to Coach Monroe.

Womack, who also traveled to Kansas City for the National basketball Tournament said, "it's great to witness two national tournaments. It gives Cedarville national recognition, but especially to be able to go as a school in three sports counting tennis is a real

privilege."

This is one of the Jackets strongest teams despite the record. Four of the seven losses came to Malone who also had one of their strongest years. Between Malone, Walsh, Tiffin, and Cedarville there is some fierce competition, and national level competition it is. Last year's district winner, Malone, came in seventh at nationals and brought home two All-American titles.

Prospects for 1982 are even brighter. The four juniors and one freshman that won the District title will all be back next year. Freshmen, Mike Reed and Bill Moore will add a lot of support to the team and Mark Brant as a senior will return to form. There are also some good prospective rookies. Tom Greve, Tom Ewing, and Steve Buser will be part of Monroe's team in his seventh year as coach. It may well be an even bigger year.

13th DISTRICT TITLE FOR YELLOW JACKETS

Netters Return From Nationals

The men's tennis team took their 10th consecutive NAIA District 22 Championship this year and also the 13th title in 14 seasons. In men's tennis it has been a story of domination. The Yellow Jackets have long been at the fore-front in the conference and the district. The college now boasts 13 Mid-Ohio Conference Tournament titles, 13 NAIA District 22 championship titles, and 15 trips to the NAIA National Tournament.

The Jackets came off of an 18-2 season last year looking for another great season and a trip to the NAIA Nationals. In Dr. Murray Murdoch's 16th season as coach the Jackets recorded a 15-4 season, and joined the basketball team and golf team in participating at the national level.

Cedarville won the NAIA District championship with 18 followed by Central State 16, Malone 14, Mt. Vernon 12, Wilmington 10, Bluffton 6, and Walsh 0. The seven teams were entered in the open draw tourney with 41 singles and 20 doubles matches being played. The Jackets were in four rounds of singles and three rounds of doubles play to give them their 18-point total.

In national tournament play, the Jackets earned 2 points from the No. 1 doubles team of John and Dan DeLancey. The twins drew a first-round bye and then defeated Mosbach and Kunizi of Sangamon State (Ill.) 7-5, 6-3. DeLancey's became the first Cedarville team to reach the field of 32 but lost to Luck and Char of Redlands 1-6, 2-6. The other doubles teams of Dale Schaechterle and Tom Holwerda; and Curt Berger and Dan Murphy, lost in the first rounds of play.

Curt Berger drew a bye for the first round and lost in second round play 0-6, 2-6 to the 10th seeded Andy Findlay of Mercyhurst. Dan DeLancey played an outstanding match, but lost to Chris Hayes of Carson Newman 3-6, 2-6. John DeLancey, Dan Murphy, Dale Schaechterle, and Don Rawlins all lost in the first round of national competition.

Prospects for next year are bright. With sophomores John DeLancey, Dan DeLancey, and Don Rawlins at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 respectively, our top three positions still have two years of eligibility. Sophomore Tom Holwerda and Junior Dale Schaechterle will be back for more action as well. The only loss to graduation will be No. 5 Curt Berger.

The Jackets have long dominated tennis in the MOC and the district, and although Malone, Central State, and other opponents have sharpened competition, the prospects for the continued strength of the Yellow Jackets is apparent as 5 of the six national tournament players return in 1982.

Women's Tennis Demonstrates New Found Strength

The 10-5 season record of the 1981 women's tennis team demonstrates the strength of "the best women's team the Yellow Jackets have ever had." The best season record to this point was 5-6, but this year's effort leaves the old record far behind. In the wake of a men's tennis team who has gone to the NAIA Nationals for the last 15 years, it has been difficult for the women to gain notoriety, but they are on their way up now!

"We were a much stronger team this year, combined with the fact that we were the most experienced team were the keys to this year's success," according to Coach Dr. Pam Diehl. The squad boasted two seniors with four years of varsity experience and two other students with three years of varsity play, plus a # 1 position rookie who with work "will become the best # 1 player we have ever had."

The problem with so much experience is that next year the Yellow Jackets will lose three seniors and one junior and will have a very inexperienced squad. There will be a big burden on the shoulders of those still here; Ann Berger and Nancy Oscar, this year's # 1 and # 5 respectively. They will be supported by Pam Mundy, Beth Lindley and Diane McMillan who played in this year's # 7, # 8, and # 9 positions.

One of the highlights of the season for the women was the Satellite Tournament play "each member of the team played well," according to Coach Diehl. "The maturity of the players really came through." Ann Berger, Cheryl McMillan and Nancy Oscar went on to the State tournament in # 1, # 3 and # 5 singles respectively. Ann and Nancy were both taken out of the first round. Cheryl went on to second round play. Ann Berger and Patty Harding went

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CALLAN'S COMMENTS Taking Inventory

Dr. Don Callan, Athletic Director

Each year at this time, we in the Education industry spend time and effort determining the status of equipment and the needs for the coming year. Reflections as well as planning is mandatory if we are to be prepared for the onslaught at the start of a new school year.

In addition to equipment inventory, we also evaluate personnel and programs as to effectiveness and accomplishment of objectives established the previous years. Many times athletes stop to re-evaluate the accomplishments and effectiveness of the past year. As this task is completed, the next logical step is to determine, in light of the findings, what plans can be made for the coming year. Rarely have I had a young athlete to go through this process without making a plan of attack for the pursuit of grander and greater achievements. Coaches also go through

this process and must, if they are to accomplish and challenge others to reach their total potential.

The question that keeps jumping out at me is this: Why aren't we as Christians as precise and determined with regard to our spiritual lives? My mind goes to a Biblical character who saw God, and as a result, evaluated himself and made the following judgment.

Isaiah proclaimed, "Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isaiah 6:5). Isaiah took it one step further when his evaluation took the form of a plea to God for help and direction. God responded with healing and cleansing, then continued quickly with a question that Isaiah could now respond to. As Isaiah responded

saying, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8), God gave him direction for the future.

As I look at my life and the lives of those I come in contact with, I cannot help but reflect on the problems that man seems to have with regard to following God. As with Isaiah, evaluation in any sense is painful, and as a result; we many times sidestep this initial process and try to begin with the second stage of "Here Am I."

This summer as we reflect on this past year and make plans for the future, why not follow a Biblical principle and start with an inventory using God's Word as a standard for evaluation? After this painful process of seeing ourselves and God through the eyes of His Word, maybe we will be able to say not only "Woe is me," but also "Here am I, send me."

Riegle Captures Highest Women's Honor

Susie Riegle was named the 1980-81 Women's Athlete of the Year. Sue has been a four-year varsity player in both volleyball and softball.

She received the Most Valuable Player Award in volleyball this year following a four-year domination of the Most Valuable Server honors. As a freshman, she had a 93 per cent serving average followed by a 97 per cent serving average her sophomore, junior and senior years. She also maintained the best defensive play this year as well.

The Most Valuable Player Award also characterized Sue's play in softball. Providing the team leadership as captain and co-captain of volleyball and softball respectively, along with a four-year varsity career in two women's sports, might have been enough to capture the Athlete of the Year crown. But to be honored as MVP in two sports is a rare privilege for any athlete, and was what it took to earn for Susie the well deserved title of Cedarville College's Women's Athlete of the Year.

Strong Foundation Laid By Trackmen

A young enthusiastic track team prompted Coach Elvin King's 1981 pre-season forecast about an "inexperienced but hard-working squad. There continues to be a good deal of excitement this year . . . Excitement in the level of improvement seen in last year's returnees, rather than in national caliber athletes."

A squad with no seniors, only two juniors and a sparse seven lettermen attests to the inexperience of the squad, and the fact that the entire pre-season squad remained in tact (barring injuries) throughout the season is evidence of the excitement and hard-working attitude of the 1981 Yellow Jackets.

In terms of the success of this hard-working team, there is little additional hardware to be placed in the new Fieldhouse trophy case. In defending their Findlay Invitational Title, the squad shared the honors with host Findlay College. The Yellow Jackets placed second in the Mid-Ohio Conference to the highly competitive Malone College, and third in NAIA District 22 competition to Malone College and Central State University in the two best team efforts of the season. The goal of 4th place in the NCCAA National Meet at Marion College became unattainable when Craig Herl became ill eliminating three of the key scoring events for that meet, the Mile Relay, the 440 Relay and the 440.

Although no one will deny it's nice to have the hardware at the end of the season, success can and should be measured in other terms as well. King predicted that "this year, regardless of the outcome, will be a foundational year for years to come."

The success of coming through a low season while maintaining a high morale, and the success of the increased experience and potential are immeasurable as the Yellow Jackets look at the foundation laid by this year's squad.

The 1982 squad will have lost no one to graduation. Craig Herl and Gary Yeager will be two returnees that will consistently score well for the Yellow Jackets. Dave Averill and Gary Anderson both NAIA All-District 22 runners will be back with two and three more years of eligibility respectively. Freshmen Tim Gladura, Bob Entwistle, Greg Bernard and Junior Mark Mills will be adding a good deal to the squad scoring depth as well.

A recruit with a lot of promise for 1982 is Dave Christmas. Dave ran a 50:0 quarter and a 10:9 100 early in the season, and "will fit in to our approach to athletics well," according to King.

Dave Averill made the All-Mid Ohio Conference Team by winning the mile run with a 4:23 and the NAIA All-District 22 Team by winning the 880 yard run in 1:59.

Women's Tennis

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as far as the second round of # 1 doubles in the state tournament. Nancy Oscar and Colene Fox made it to the state competition as well but were eliminated in the first round of play in the # 3 doubles slot.

This year's best singles record went to # 5 Nancy Oscar with an 11-4 record. Ann Berger and Patty Harding earned the best record in doubles with a 5-3 mark. Ann Berger and Cheryl McMillan were named Co-MVP's for the year. Cheryl's younger sister Diane McMillan was named this year's Most Improved along with Patty Harding. Diane returned after surgery on her Achilles tendon in the fall.

Coach Diehl still contends "this was one of our most unified and Christ-honoring groups. We grew a lot as a team spiritually." That coupled with the best win/loss record in the history of women's tennis at Cedarville made for a great season!

Softball Team Still Winning

The Cedarville softball team maintained their winning tradition with a 13-9 season record this year. In Cedarville's sixth year of having inter-collegiate softball, Dr. June Kearney has led the women to a winning season every year. According to Coach Kearney "overall it was a pretty average season. We split with equals. We killed the weak teams and the stronger teams killed us."

The women played with few errors defensively, but the batting was very average. Defeats often came to teams who could who could place hit well, and some more decisive victories could have been gained for the Yellow Jackets if they had demonstrated the same accuracy.

"All of our freshmen have come out of a fast pitch background in high school. The transition, especially in batting, is rough. It's a different rhythm," according to Kearney. Without making excuses for the team's performance this year, Dr. Kearney is looking for a much better hitting team in 1982 as the largely freshman squad gets into "the rhythm" of the slow pitch game.

Barb Vincent, the only real power hitter; Deb Fakan, the 1980 hitting champ; and MVP Susie Riegle will all be absent from the 1982 squad. Laurie Butler, Patti Dillinger and Val Whisler will be back at

the plate in '82 to give the Jackets the needed support.

Sophomore, Patti Dillinger, earned a .460 batting average. Co-captain Barb Vincent took RBI honors tallying 23 for the season, and Val Whisler was this year's best defensive player maintaining a .986 defensive average. Val had only two defensive errors all season, and since Val is a junior, the Jackets are looking for some great output from her next year. Laurie Butler earned the Most Improved Player title on this year's squad after being out half of last season due to a broken nose. Pitchers Marcy Morton and Mel Bagg earned 8-8 and 5-1 pitching records respectively. The Jackets will be losing the three-year veteran pitcher Marcy next year to graduation, a loss that will be keenly felt.

Bill Burleson as Assistant Coach this season was a big help to the team and to Coach Kearney.

The women have kept their unblemished record of winning seasons through the past six years, and as 1982 unfolds, it will be their goal once again to maintain that tradition. The experience gained in slow pitch for this year's freshmen, and the strength of our upperclassmen are keys in attaining that goal again in '82.



VAL WHISLER stretches to earn the out against one of Central State's Lady Mauraders in one of many strong defensive plays. Val had a defensive average of .986.

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LETTERS

Greetings Dr. Callan:

I have been receiving The Torch, The Sting, and alumni materials and have been kept well informed of the goings on at Cedarville and can honestly say that the enthusiasm is contagious. I wish I were there to join in! Perhaps I will be again... if the Lord so wills and directs. I am supporting Betty on the Jog/Walk-a-thon so we can get that field house built and paid for. Also, many congratulations to you and the basketball team for the greatest season ever and, moreover, because through you all He has been lifted high.

Thank you again!

Sincerely Yours in Messiah,
Dean L. Scott

Dear Don:

Your recent selection, "Living Up to Our Beliefs," came across my desk today. I certainly can identify with your comments and insight from God's Word offered to Christian coaches. Your encouragement to "evaluate our performance as to the input we're making into the lives of those under us on the court, in the class, at home, or wherever we might be" has been motivating to me.

May God continue to richly bless your ministry there at Cedarville College. I appreciate receiving the periodic copy of "The Sting" and hope to remain on its mailing list.

Chuck Walker
Basketball Coach
Fort Lewis College

Baseball Team Cools After Early Season Blast

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This spring's baseball team came back from Florida hot! They quickly tallied an unblemished 9-0 record, then on to an impressive 12-1 mark, and later peaked out at 14-3. The season's bright prospects were dampened as the cold, wet spring gradually cooled the Yellow Jackets who finished 16-10 in regular-season play and 16-12 following tournaments.

One reason for the apparent cool-off would obviously be that the tougher part of their schedule was at the end of the Yellow Jacket season. The baseball team also seemed to peak and level off while other top competitors peaked later in the season. Oftentimes losses came in games that were plagued by costly errors in one or two innings. At times that was caused by the team's lack of concentration, but the loss of a home field for the season could have taken its toll. It is one of those intangibles, but as the team came back from Florida rolling full steam ahead, there was no place for field practices and home game crowds to help keep that momentum rolling.

Despite some disappointments at the end of the season the baseball team still qualified for the NAIA District 22 Tournament and was seeded third. Also qualifying were Malone and Ohio Dominican seeded number one and two respectively followed by number four seed Findlay College. In districts the Yellow Jackets fell

in the double elimination tournament to Ohio Dominican in the first game 3-5 and 6-8 in the final game vs. Findlay College.

"Generally we hit the ball well, but not the long ball, and our fielding was good," according to Coach Keith Clark. As a team the Jackets compiled 78 errors for the season for a .915 fielding average and finished with a team batting average of .302. Six men batted over .300 for the season in 28 games. Ron Hobar led with a .371 for the season followed by Mike Smart at .357 and Jamie Darling with .337. Brothers Ed and Al Stewart batted .320 and .303 respectively and Rick Wilson earned a .311 batting average. Ed Stewart tallied three homeruns this season and freshman Steve Segraves and Marcus Adams scored two homeruns each for the season. Senior infielder, Jamie Darling, also had 19 stolen bases and scored 31 runs in 28 games along with his high batting average.

Junior, Ron Hobar, finished strong for the Jackets with only eight errors at second base in 28 games with 101 chances. Besides his .371 batting average, Hobar had the most hits, the most RBI's, the most total bases, and only three strike outs. He managed to do so with an ankle injury that nagged him the entire season.

Cedarville's pitching was a great asset this year, and should continue to be for the young pitching staff. Junior Mark Mathews began the season with a perfect

6-0 mark, but finished the season 6-4. Rookie pitcher, Larry Smith, started the season 3-0, but also slipped to his 4-3 finish. If Larry continues at Cedarville, we'll see a lot more of this pitcher. The potential is there for a solid replacement to fill Mathews shoes. Kurt Stewart closed the season with a 3-1 record. Other pitchers waiting in the wing are Jeff Bowser, Dave Carr, Dave Davis, Tim Pryor and Brad Spradling. Senior Greg Greve pitched an excellent game with only one earned run, but in the second game he was plagued with tendonitis in the elbow and offered no relief as the season wore on.

Outfielder Jamie Darling, Mark Mathews and infielders Mike Smart and Ed Stewart were named to the Mid-Ohio All-Conference Team along with catcher Rick Wilson. Second baseman, Ron Hobar, as well as Rick Wilson were named to the NAIA All-District 22 team.

Prospects of 1982 look bright as four of the Yellow Jacket top six hitters return, along with the entire infield, and a strong pitching staff returns as well. With the return of some of our best stats, there is reason to believe that the 1982 team will start off at least as strong as the Jackets did this year, but with a reworked field under their spikes and a new confidence they'll be able to keep that momentum rolling.

Women's Basketball Travels To China

BY RON PHILLIPS

Ten members of the Cedarville College girls' basketball team, both past and present, will be traveling to China this summer as an extension of the ministry started last summer by a team led by Dr. Dwayne Frank.

The Lady Jackets will be joined by six other MIS'ers to form the China team that will be led by Dr. and Mrs. Frank. The team will leave July 18 and return August 4, visiting 7 cities which include Peking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Guangchow, Jinan, Shihchiazhuang, and Hong Kong.

The way the Lord opened the door for the girls to go is extraordinary, since the original plan was for the boys' team to go.

"It was supposed to be a boys' team," says Dr. Frank. "When we were making the arrangements for this, we thought that since the boys' team is going to the Philippines and to Hong Kong anyway, they could extend their schedule into China. But their plans were pretty well set, so we thought it might work out next year."

Then one day, one of the girl's players, Deb Fakan, was in his office when a call came from China, and he was telling them the boys would not be able to come. "Why not get a girl's team to go?" she asked.

When he relayed the question to the Chinese authorities, they approved the idea.

Last year's team played a pick-up game in Shanghai, the response to that game has Dr. Frank excited about the possibilities of this year's team.

"The opportunity to interact is so great. They didn't play to beat us. In fact, I think it ended in a tie. We think it's a great opportunity to share the Gospel with others."

Those who will be going include graduates Vicki Butler, Cathy Bunting and Diane Lichtensteiger, as well as Lauree Duffield, Val Whistler, Karen Hobar, Deb

Fakan, Heidi Peterson, Karen Collins and Lauri Butler. Those on the rest of the China team are Myron Youngman, Director of Campus Activities, Andy Byrum, Sarah Beattie, Bonnie Nycum, Cheryl Wilson and Becky Jones.

In addition to the basketball ministry, the group will have a program of singing and testimonies, as well as a puppet presentation. They will be ministering in a number of mission churches in Hong Kong and also in Vietnamese refugee churches.

Dr. Frank reports that they had a wonderful time with many Christians in the underground church in China last year, and they are looking forward to visiting many of the old friends they made last year.

PHILIPPINES HOSTS ATHLETES

The Cedarville College Athletes for Christ basketball team will return to the Philippine Islands for the ninth year. The ten-member basketball team will spend approximately five weeks traveling through the Philippine Islands, Japan, and

Hong Kong playing basketball with national teams.

In addition to an already heavy schedule of basketball, the Athletes for Christ will be singing and giving testimonies to the crowds at halftime, and will be involved in

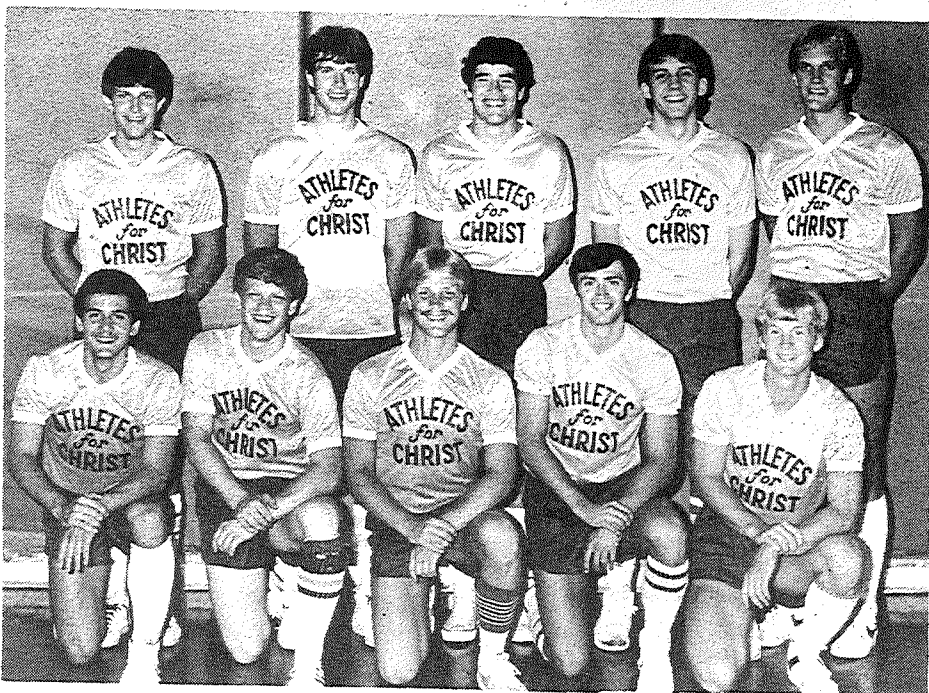
literature distribution after each game. The team will be working with national pastors and with missionaries of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

"Basketball" and "Americans" are the two drawing cards that bring the large crowds to the games, giving the team members excellent opportunities for mass evangelism, and the American mystique offers a good deal of opportunity for individual contact as well.

Presently the team is engaged in music and basketball practice, and each is also involved in attempting to raise their support through letters and through speaking in churches. Each member of the team is required to raise \$1,500 in support to cover travel and living expenses for the entire tour.

When asked what Callan feels is the value of such a program, he replied, "The main reason why I do this is because of the ministry we can have over there and the ministry that going will have in the lives of these guys. This may be the first time any one of them really has to come to the end of themselves and rely totally on God for strength and for help. And it may be the way the Lord speaks to one of them about missions as a life calling."

An itinerary of the trip is available upon request from the Athletic Office.



THIS YEAR'S ATHLETES FOR CHRIST ARE (BOTTOM ROW): Larry Green, Don Wagner, Scott Dixon, Rick Hickman, Mike Smart; (BACK ROW): Mark Dresback, Greg Greve, Tom Bailey, Greg Malone, and Dave Youngman.

GYM HAS STORY TO TELL

"In the spring of 1962 the students of Cedarville College formed an outline of the new student center gymnasium at the ground-breaking ceremony. In the fall of 1962 the building is well on its way to completion. It will accommodate approximately 500 students, and will house a regulation basketball floor, lounge, locker rooms, snack bar, game room, and banquet hall." This quote from the 1962-63 Miracle (the Cedarville College annual) began volumes and reams of paper recording the triumphs, the defeats, the records, and the events of the 18-year history of the Yellow Jacket home hive.

Now this writer has the arduous task of sorting through the mountain range of

paper that surrounds me and packing it for its arrival at its new home.

Cedarville College had 455 students in 1962 and has grown to its present enrollment of nearly 1600. During that same period of time, the college has converted the previous gym to a theatre, known as Alford Auditorium. A new library was built, followed by a science center and the 2000 seat James T. Jeremiah Chapel. The college was granted accreditation by the North Central Regional Accreditation in 1975 and in 1978 inaugurated Dr. Paul Dixon as President.

The Yellow Jackets have seen some growth and success also in the last 18 years. Before me is the mound of stats and

reports to testify to the fact. All of the Jackets have enjoyed winning records on the home court. The women of the volleyball and basketball teams have earned 49-21 and 96-53 respectively. While the men's basketball team had a final record of 154-66 in their host site.

The volleyball team began their career in 1963 with 6 matches. The program has since developed to its present level of competition including 28 matches. During that time the women never lost an opening match. They had 16 winning seasons and only one losing season. Winning the 1980 Southwestern Satellite Tournament hosted by Cedarville was one of the team highlights. Dr. June Kearney was the only volleyball coach during the entire time. A personal highlight for Kearney was winning her 200th victory in the gym on November 4, 1980, by defeating Ashland College 15-8, 15-12.

Dr. Kearney also began the women's basketball program playing the 6-man game averaging a grand 38 points per game. Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah started in 1970 with a full schedule of 11 games. In her eight-year stay, the college changed the program to the 5-man game and the historic gym hosted the 1972, 1973, 1976, 1977 and 1980 State Women's Basketball Tournaments. Defeating Ohio State University in 1972 for the state championship title had to be one of the highlights. In 1973 the women were runner's up and were fourth in the regional tournament which was also at Cedarville. Sandy Schlappi, the women's basketball coach since 1978, was a player on those championship teams. The most points scored by the women in

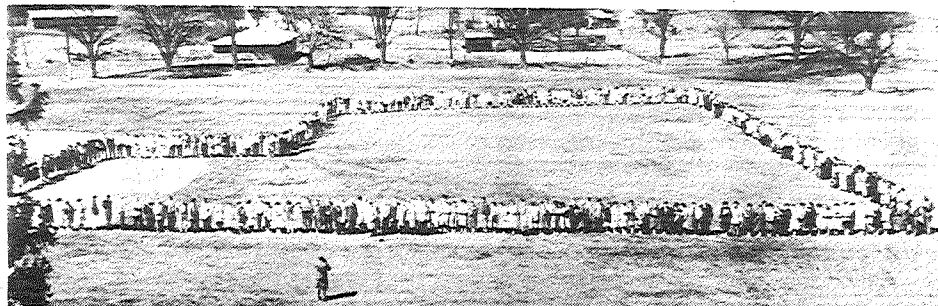
this gym was 97 points against Wittenberg University in 1977, and the best defensive show was in 1968 when they held the University of Cincinnati to 5 points.

As Athletic Director, Dr. Don Callan oversaw the construction of the facility and is now overseeing the building of the \$2 million field house. In the interim between buildings, Callan lead the men's basketball team to its opening win over Ashland College (58-49) all the way to its NAIA District 22 championship finale over Defiance College (80-78).

That court has seen a lot of excitement and thrills; from the 1964-65 era of Dozier Carter and Al Knott to the 1980-81 record breakers. But of all of these, one of the most exciting was the last shot to fall through the hoop. It was a storybook ending for the historic building. With four seconds on the clock, the Yellow Jackets set up an out-of-bounds play for a last-second shot by Mark Womack that would give the men a 2-point victory, the NAIA District 22 Championship, and a trip to the NAIA Nationals in Kansas City.

The record books are now closed for the gym and the 1981 Miracle will be the last volume to chronicle the events of that building. The walls are filled with memories. Now it's time to pack the boxes, pick up the uniforms, take the trophies off the wall and move to the new field house.

Before this writer gets packed in with the units by an aggressive maintenance man, I can't think of any more fitting way close than with the words inscribed on the college seal that has overseen each event ... "For the Word of God and Testimony of Jesus Christ."



ABOVE: In the spring of 1962 the students formed an outline of the gym at ground-breaking ceremonies. BELOW: The gym construction was well underway in the fall of 1962.



STING INTERVIEW

"Berger King" Comes To CC

When we talk about "Berger King" at Cedarville, we're not talking about the fast food palaces, instead we are referring to a brother and sister combination that dominates the tennis scene at Cedarville. Curt Berger is the #3 men's tennis player for Cedarville NAIA District 22 Championship team. Ann Berger, Curt's younger sister, is playing in the #1 position for the 10-5 women's tennis team.

Ann started playing tennis when she was age 10 and became a serious student of the game when she was 13. Curt's start at the game was in a large part to give his little sister a playing partner, but became more serious about the game while a freshman at Olney Central College in Illinois.

In the early days when they played, "we both played for blood," according to Ann. "I played Curt because he made me work. He critiqued the way I played, helped me and encouraged me. Curt says I play my best game against him and that's probably true. I even tend to become more intense in a college match when he is watching."

Now that both are at Cedarville, not too much has changed. Curt is still Ann's biggest fan, and is always there to give encouragement and a good critique. Curt considers Ann's performance a strong one as a freshman, but feels that there is more potential if some off-season "hard work" is done.

"The tables were turned in the pre-season practices in Florida this year," Ann relates with a smirk. "I had already established my #1 position on the women's team. Curt had just days before gotten back from Kansas City." (Curt was the starting point guard for the Yellow Jackets at the NAIA National Basketball Tourney in Kansas City.) "He was having a difficult time getting back into tennis again. I was telling him what to do. The girls on the team gave me the nickname 'Sarge' after hearing me talk to him. That was a switch!" Ann says, laughing.

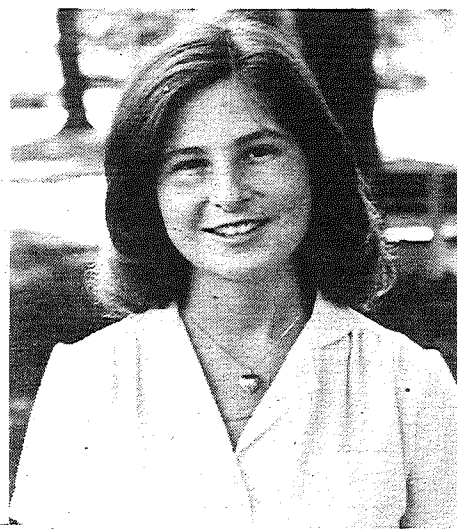
As an older brother, Curt tries to be a good example. That's not just a nice cliché that is said out of obligation, but is rather a true heart-felt responsibility for Curt. "I try to be exemplary not only in my approach to tennis, but in my life at school and most important, in my spiritual walk." It would seem as if older brother might be getting through. Ann related in a separate interview that "Curt is an example athletically, in his sportsmanship, and I admire his strong Christian walk."

Both brother and sister are glad to have each other around. They seldom see each other, but the bond, the encouragement, the critique, the example are all a part of the relationship of Cedarville's tennis "Berger King's."

STING INTERVIEW

Decker Has New Confidence

Jannell Decker has established an impressive record in her four years at the college. As a four year member of the women's varsity tennis team, Jannell played at #3 her freshman year, moved up to #1 for her sophomore and junior years, and played at #4 this past season.



Jannell Decker

As she reviews the highlights of that four year varsity career, this year's state tournament play and record breaking season of (10-5) "has to be a highlight as a member of the team." "A personal highlight occurred in my sophomore year." After losing a match, Jannell started talking with a girl who had just beaten her. "It started out as small talk about summer plans. I was headed for Israel as part of the college's M.I.S. program to work on a kibbutz and to have a personal witness among the Jews there. The intrigue of the experience (of traveling to Israel) opened the opportunity for me to have a witness with my opponent and one other girl. I had an excellent opportunity to lay before them the entire plan of salvation."

The opportunities to meet the women from other teams is an exciting part of

playing inter-collegiate tennis to Jannell. She enjoys the game, and enjoys playing for Cedarville. "We have a reputation of standing for something different. They talk about our rules and regulations and mark us off as "goodie two shoes," but to be able to talk with them and cause them to realize that we are real people and that there is something inside of us that determines our lifestyle is exciting."

Playing tennis has brought many things into perspective for Jannell. For three years of her varsity career, "I had an obsession to win and if I lost, in my own mind I lost socially, spiritually and academically. "If I lost a match I considered myself a loser." However, things changed this year. "If I lost a match I'd leave it on the court and not carry it into all parts of my life. I still go out and give the match all I've got, but if I'm not the best it doesn't destroy my self-worth like it used to. My self-worth is not dependent on winning a match. My confidence now is in the Lord and not in myself."

Jannell's impressive record at Cedarville shines not only in tennis and spiritually, but also academically. She maintained a 3.86 grade point average through four years in the tough pre-med program. As she looks to grad school, however, Jannell is presently headed for the reputable Dickenson Law School. One wouldn't think of a pre-med student heading for law, but her father, who is also a lawyer, challenged Jannell to take the law exam. She did well on the exam, applied to two law schools, and was accepted at both.

Athletically, academically and spiritually the trophies won as a result of the victories in lives of many students such as Jannell are far more valuable to faculty and coaches of Cedarville than hardware in a trophy case. That's why Cedarville College is here. That is why the Yellow Jackets compete.